Use of NTPC Guest House by Anti-National Elements

2349. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation's (NTPC) guest house in Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi was used by certain persons alleged to be henchmen of Dubai-based don, Dawood Ibrahim as reported in the "Hindustan Times' of January 28,1995;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) the number of days, months with dates on which these persons stayed in the guest house and what are the details of the guest house room, food and other charges payable by the persons and when and by whom these charges were paid and on whose orders;

(d) on whose specific orders these persons were allowed to stay in the NTPC's guest house and the purpose for which they stayed; and

(e) whether Government have made any enquiry about the anti-national or any objectionable activities of these persons during their stay in the guest house and if so, what are the details thereof and what action was taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation does not have any guest house in Safdarjung Enclave in New Delhi.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के परिवारों को एक-बत्ती कनैक्शन

2350. श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह: क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लोगों के लिए एकफ-बत्ती कनेक्शन की छूट दी गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो 31 दिसम्बर, 1994 तक कितने [illegible] को ऐसे कनैक्शन प्रदान किए गए हैं तथा शेष परिवारों की संख्या कितनी है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) भारत सरकार ने वर्ष 1988-89 में, गरीबी रेखा से नीचे के ग्रामीण गरीब घरों, जिनमें हरिजन और आदिवासी भी शामिल हैं, को एक बत्ती-कनैक्शन देने के लिए "कुटीर-ज्योति" नामक एक कार्यक्रम आरंभ किया था। इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत, तारें बिछाने की एक मुश्त लागत और सर्विस कनेक्शन शुल्क ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम के जरिए राज्य सरकारों/राज्य बिजली बोर्डों को दिए जाने वाले सहायता अनुदान से प्रदान किए जाते हैं। इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत लाभग्राहियों को संबंधित राज्य सरकार द्वारा अभिज्ञात किया जाता है।

(ख) इस कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ से, सरकार द्वारा अभी तक, 16.16 लाख कनेक्शन दिए जाने के लिए निधियों का आबंटन किया गया है। जिसमें से 15.16 लाख "कुटीर ज्योति" कनेक्शन दिसम्बर 1994 तक ग्रामीण गरीबों को, हरिजन और आदिवासी परिवारों सहित, दिए जाने की सूचना है, अत: शेष एक लाख कनेक्शन अभी मार्च 1995 तक दिए जाने बाकी हैं।

lata Energy Research Institute

2351. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research carried out by Tata Energy Research Institute in Delhi regarding energy requirements;

(b) the alternative source of energy developed by it and the assistance taken by Government from this institute;

(c) whether Government provide them with financial assistance, if so, the details thereof;

(d) what is the staff strength in this Institute and whether employees are asked to execute bond if so give a copy of the same and state whether it is legally enforcement if it is just to protect its own interest; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to issue directions to modify the same to suit both the employees and the employer?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) TataEnergy

Research Institute (TERI) is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation. As per the (Memorandum of Association, the Institute has carried out research on gradual depletion of finite non-renewable energy sources, non-polluting strategies, natural and applied science including agriculture.

(b) The alternative source of energy developed by TERI are on multi-disciplinary fronts. Its activity is helpful to Government on policy analysis on energy and environment, rural energy, forestry, renewable energy technologies, energy conservation, bio-techology of tree species and oil seeds and training and information dissemination.

(c) No Grant in aid has been provided by the Government. However, the Institute has provided its services in a number of projects funded by various Ministries concerned with environment, forests, power, non-conventional energy sources, etc.

(d) and (e) TERI has intimated that the total staff strength of the Institute is 393. They have informed that generally no employee is asked to execute the bond in the Institute. However, in exceptional cases, certain employees are asked to give an undertaking for their faithful and diligent performance and discharge of duties and as a safeguard against loss or damage due to an act of omission or commission.

Generation and Demand of Power

2352. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what was me total demand of power in the country as on 1st January, 1995;

(b) what was the total power output as on 1st January, 1995;

(c) what will be the anticipated demand by the end of this century;

(d) what are the projects under construction by Government sector or indigenous, which are likely to commissioned by end of this century;

(e) what will be the output by indigenous or Government sector by end of this century; and

(0 what are the number of foreign investors, who will be commissioning their plants by end of this century?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) During the period April 1994—December 1994, the energy requirement and peak demand in the country was 258948 Million Units and 56200 MW respectively.

(b) the energy generation in the country as on 1.1.1995 was 1053.22 Million Units.

(c) According to the 14th Annual Power Survey, the anticipated energy and peak demand by the end of 1999-2000 would be 517 BUs arid 91191 MW respectively.

(d) and (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(0 The Private Power Projects could be commissioned only after they receive all necessary' inputs/clearances and after attaining financial closure. The Commissioning schedule from the dates of financial closure for some of the CEA cleared foreign/joint venture projects is indicated in the enclosed statement.

Action Plan for Improving Availability of Power

2353. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement an action plan to bridge the widening gap in power availability and demand;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in that direction during Ninth Plan; and